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U.S. Terms Two Dusted Men ... Bons Fide Tourists

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Soviet authorities accused Mr. Kaminsky of spying and sentenced him to seven years, then expelled both.

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man made the statement when tasked about a published report that the two men were under contract to the Central Intelligence Agency to report, on, their observations in the Soviet Illnion ·Union.

Mr. Kamiusky and Mr. Bennett said they had traveled under scholarships of \$2,000 each from the Northcraft Educational Fund, Philadelphia, Tass, Soviet press agency, has called Northcraft a "spy organization." The Internal Revenue Service said Northcraft was not a tax-exempt educational ora tax-exempt educational oranization.

Mr. Karhinsky has said he plans a book about Soviet militar / activities.

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